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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response with the amendment filed on 1/11/2007.
2. The examiner received the certified copy of the corresponding Japanese patent application.
3. The applicant amended claims 1 and 9-16. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 01/11/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
5. In response to applicant's argument that Ofek et al do not teach or suggest with respect "to obtaining access restriction information for a second storage device from a first storage device having a volume which is to be accessed by the second storage device", the fact that applicant has recognized another advantage which would flow naturally from following the suggestion of the prior art cannot be the basis for patentability when the differences would otherwise be obvious. See *Ex parte Obiaya*, 227 USPQ 58, 60 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1985).
6. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., to obtaining access restriction information for a second storage device from a first storage device having a volume which is to be accessed by the second storage device) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of

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the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ofek et al. (US Patent 6598134) (hereinafter Ofek).

9. Regarding claim 1, a first step for obtaining access restriction information and information at a volume which are set up on each port of a first storage device, through a second network (Ofek: see figure 1 items 12, 24 and 14: host requests access to old data storage system through new data storage system); a second step for obtaining attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of a second storage device, from said second storage device through said second network (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64: data map/table contains parameters that maps the new data storage system to the old data storage system); a third step for selecting a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port that

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said second storage device has, which is obtained in said second step (Ofek: see figure 1 and column 5 lines 11-19); and a fourth step for setting up, on a port of said second storage device which is selected in said third step, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of each port that said first storage device has, which are obtained in said first step (Ofek: see figures 1 & 5 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

10. Regarding claim 2, Ofek teaches wherein said third step selects a target port which is utilized for reception of an access request to a volume that said first storage device has from said host computer, and an initiator port which is utilized for transmission of an access request to a volume that said first storage device has from said second storage device, and said fourth step sets up, on a target port of said second storage device which is selected in said third step, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, and permits only an access request to access restriction information of said first storage device to which the volume is assigned from an initiator port of said second storage device which is selected in said third step (Ofek: see figures 1 & 5 and column 4 lines 38-64).

11. Regarding claim 3, Ofek teaches wherein said first step obtains access restriction information which is set up on each port that a first storage device has and information of a volume, from said first storage device through said second network (Ofek: see

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figures 1 & 2 and column 8 lines 6-17 and lines 28-53 and column 12 lines 59-67 and column 13 lines 1-22).

12. Regarding claim 4, Ofek teaches wherein said first step specifies access restriction information which is set up on each port that a first storage device has and information of a volume, by obtaining information of a port of said host computer which is utilized for an access to a volume that said first storage device has and information of a port of said first storage device, from said host computer through said second network (Ofek: see figure 1 items 12, 24 and 14: host requests access to old data storage system through new data storage system).

13. Regarding claim 5, Ofek teaches a fifth step for changing a port of said first storage device which is associated with each mount point of a file system of said host computer and a volume which is assigned to the port, to a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to the volume and a volume which is defined on the port (Ofek: see figure 2).

14. Regarding claim 6, Ofek teaches wherein said first storage device sets up access restriction information on each port, by use of a first management table in which an information identifier of a volume and a source port or an access to be permitted are listed with a LUN unit with respect to each port, and said second storage device sets up access restriction information on each port, by use of a second management table in which a LUN and an identifier of a volume are listed with a group unit of source ports of an access to be permitted with respect to each port, and said first step obtains said first management table, and said fourth step prepares said second management table as to

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each port of said second storage device which is selected in said third step, on the basis of a listed content of said first management table which is obtained in said first step as to each port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which said port is utilized for an access, is assigned, and updates said second management table that said second storage device has (Ofek: see figures 1 & 2 and column 4 lines 38-64: data map/table contains parameters that maps the new data storage system to the old data storage system).

15. Regarding claim 7, Ofek teaches wherein in case that said host computer has a plurality of paths which are used for an access to the same volume, a process of said fourth step to the volume is carried out at least twice separately to said plurality of paths (Ofek: see figures 1 and 5).

16. Regarding claim 8, Ofek teaches wherein said second network is different from said first network (Ofek: see figures 1 and 5).

17. Regarding claim 9, Ofek teaches an obtaining unit which obtains access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port of a first storage device, and attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of a second storage device, through a second network (Ofek: see figure 1 items 12, 24 and 14: host requests access to old data storage system through new data storage system); selecting unit which selects a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port that said second storage device has, which is obtained in said obtaining unit (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64: data

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map/table contains parameters that maps the new data storage system to the old data storage system); and setting unit which sets up, on a port of said second storage device which is selected in said selecting unit, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of each port that said first storage device has, which are obtained in said obtaining unit (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

18. Regarding claim 10, Ofek teaches an obtaining unit which obtains access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port of said first storage device, and attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of said second storage device, through a second network (Ofek: see figure 1 items 12, 24 and 14: host requests access to old data storage system through new data storage system); selecting unit which selects a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port that said second storage device has, which is obtained in said obtaining unit (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64: data map/table contains parameters that maps the new data storage system to the old data storage system); and setting unit which sets up, on a port of said second storage device which is selected in said selection unit, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of

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each port that said first storage device has, which are obtained in said obtaining unit (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

19. Regarding claim 11, Ofek teaches a first step for obtaining access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port of a first storage device, through a second network (Ofek: see figure 1 items 12, 24 and 14: host requests access to old data storage system through new data storage system); a second step for obtaining attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of a second storage device, from said second storage device through said second network (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64: data map/table contains parameters that maps the new data storage system to the old data storage system); a third step for selecting a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port of said second storage device, which is obtained in said second step (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46); and a fourth step for setting up, on a port of said second storage device which is selected in said third step, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of each port that said first storage device has, which are obtained in said first step (Ofek: see figure 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

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20. Regarding claim 12, Ofek teaches wherein said access restriction information setting device: obtains access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port of a first storage device, through said second network, obtains attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of said second storage device, from said second storage device through said second network, selects a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port of said second storage device, which is obtained as above, and sets up, on a port of said second storage device which is selected as above, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of each port that said first storage device has, which are obtained as above (Ofek: see figures 1 & 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

21. Regarding claim 13, Ofek teaches a network I/F unit which is utilized for connecting to said second network, and a calculation unit, wherein, said calculation unit: obtains access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port of a first storage device, from said first storage device and attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of a the second storage device, from said second storage device, through said network I/F unit, selects a port or said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port of said second

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storage device, which is obtained as above, and sets up, on a port of said second storage device which is selected as above, through said network I/F unit, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of each port that said first storage device has, which are obtained as above (Ofek: see figures 1-5 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

22. Regarding claim 14, Ofek teaches said access restriction information setting apparatus has a network I/F unit which is utilized for connecting to said second network, and a calculation unit, and said calculation unit obtains access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port of said a first storage device, and attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of said a second storage device, from said second storage device, through said network I/F unit, selects a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port of said second storage device, which is obtained as above, and sets up, on a port of said second storage device which is selected as above, through said network I/F unit, access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of each port that said first storage device has, which are obtained as above (Ofek: see figures 1-5 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

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23. Regarding claim 15, Ofek teaches said first and second storage devices and said management server, wherein said first and second storage devices have a FC I/F which connects to said Fibre Channel switch, and said management server has a LAN I/F unit which is utilized for connecting to said LAN, and a calculation unit, and said calculation unit obtains access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port of the FC I/F of said a first storage device has from said first storage device, and attribute information including a port type and a status of utilization of each port of the FC I/F of said the second storage device, from said second storage device, through said LAN I/F unit, selects a port of a FC I/F on said second storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume of said first storage device, on the basis of attribute information of each port of the FC I/F that said second storage device has, which is obtained as above, and sets up, on a port of the FC I/F of said second storage device which is selected as above through said LAN I/F unit, access restriction information of a port of the FC I/F of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information and information of a volume of each port of the FC I/F that said first storage device has, which are obtained as above (Ofek: see figures 1-5 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

24. Regarding claim 16, Ofek teaches wherein said calculation unit obtains the access restriction information and the information of the volume which are set up on each port of said first storage device, from said first storage device, through said second network, selects, as the port of the second storage, a target port which is utilized for

receiving an access request from said host computer to a volume of said first storage device, and an initiator port which is utilized for sending an access request from said second storage device to a volume of said first storage device, and sets up access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the selected target port of the second storage device, and in addition, updates access restriction information of a port of said first storage device to which the volume is assigned so as to permit an access request only from the selected initiator port of said second storage device (Ofek: see figures 1 & 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

25. Regarding claim 17, Ofek teaches wherein said calculation unit specifies access restriction information which is set up on each port that said first storage device has and information of a volume, by obtaining a port of said host computer which is utilized for an access to a volume that said first storage device has and information of a port of said first storage device, from said host computer through said second network (Ofek: see figure 1 items 12, 24 and 14 and figure 2: host requests access to old data storage system through new data storage system).

26. Regarding claim 18, Ofek teaches wherein said calculation unit changes a port or said first storage device which is associated with each mount point of a file system of said host computer and a volume which is assigned to the port, to a port of said second storage device which is utilized for an access to the volume and a volume which is defined on the port (Ofek: see figures 1 & 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

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27. Regarding claim 19, Ofek teaches wherein said first storage device sets up access restriction information on each port, by use of a first management table on which an information identifier of a volume and a source port of an access to be permitted are listed with a LUN unit with respect to each port, and said second storage device sets up access restriction information on each port, by use of a second management table on which a LUN and an identifier of a volume are listed with a group unit of source ports of an access to be permitted with respect to each port, and said calculation unit obtains said first management table, and prepares said second management table as to each port of said second storage device which is selected as above, on the basis of a listed content of said first management table and updates said second management table which said second storage device has (Ofek: see figures 1 & 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

28. Regarding claim 20, Ofek teaches wherein in case that said host computer has a plurality of paths which are used for an access to the same volume, a process of setting up said access restriction information to a volume is carried out at least twice separately to said plurality of paths (Ofek: see figures 1 & 2 and column 4 lines 38-64 and column 5 lines 45-55 and column 6 lines 14-46).

Conclusion

29. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trang Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-0740. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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